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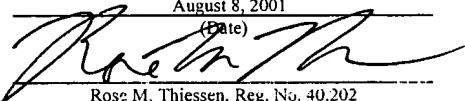
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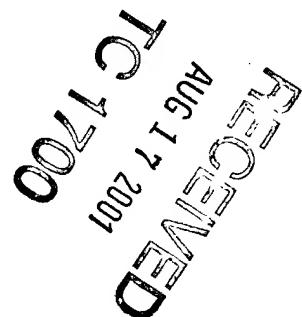
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Dear Sir:

Enclosed is form PTO-1449 listing ninety-one (91) references. All references were previously submitted to the PTO, or cited by the Examiner, in the parent case which is assigned Patent No. 6,179,979, issued on January 30, 2001, as well as in the continuation application assigned Patent No. 6,174,420, issued on January 16, 2001, and in the continuation assigned Application No. 09/709,968, filed November 10, 2000.

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